

March 23

8:30-9:00

Registration

9:00-9:30

Introduction and Welcome

International Conference Hall

Mau-kuei Chang, President of the Taiwanese Sociological Association

Yuan-Tseh Lee, President-Elect of International Council for Science; President Emeritus of Academia Sinica

Michael Burawoy, Vice President for National Associations, International Sociological Association (ISA)

9:30-10:40

Opening Panel: Challenge Facing Sociology Today

Moderator: **Michael Burawoy**

Keynote Speakers

Michel Wieviorka, President of the International Sociological Association

Sociology in a Time of Crisis

Sujata Patel, Professor of Sociology, University of Pune, India

The Imperative and Challenge of Diversity: Reconstructing Sociological Traditions for the Twenty-first Century

10:40-11:10

Tea Break

11:10-13:00

Session 1a: New Approaches to Policy Research

1st Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad

Globalization, Sociological Research and Public Policy in Nigeria: A Critical Analysis of the Relevance of Socio-legal Research to the Development Needs of Nigeria

Pekka Sulkunen

The Relevance of Relevance: Social Science and Social Practice in Post-positivistic Society

Feleke Tadele

The Relevance of Sociological Studies and Training for Social Realities, Development Policy and Practice in Ethiopia

José-Vicente Tavares-dos-Santos

The Hard Dialogue between American Criminology and Latin American Sociology of Violence: Why Micro-Models Cannot Explain Structural Violence

Session 1b: Facing Northern Hegemonies

2nd Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Mau-kuei Chang, Ying-hwa Chang, & Chih-chieh Tang

Indigenization, Institutionalization, and Internationalization, Tracing the Paths of Sociology Development in Taiwan

Sari Hanafi

Impact of Western Funding System on Social Sciences' Research in the Arab East: The Dilemma of the Research Centers External to Universities

Aytul Kasapoglu, Nilay Çabuk, & Mehmet Ecevit

Center- periphery Relationship between Turkish and Western Sociologies

Sammy Smooha

The Challenge for the Western Israeli Sociology

13:00-14:30

Lunch Time

14:30-16:30

Session 2a: Facing Political Pressures

1st Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Mona Abaza

Populism, the State and the Suppression of Social Sciences in Egypt

Georgy Fotev

Value-free Sociology: Withstanding Political Pressures

Siri T. Hettige

Sociological Enterprise at the Periphery: The Case of Sri Lanka

Session 2b: Beyond Universalism and Particularism

2nd Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Mohamad Amin Ghaneirad

A Critical Review of Iranian Attempts at the Development of Alternative Sociologies

Dénes Némedi

Hungarian Sociology between Internal and External Models

Gevorg Poghosyan

Modernization of Sociology in Post Soviet Armenia

Yoshimichi Sato

Are Asian Sociologies Possible?: Universalism versus Particularism

16:30-16:50

Tea Break

16:50-18:20

Practicing Sociology in Taiwan: Local Intervention and Global Linkages

International Conference Hall

Moderator:

Presenters

Ling-fang Cheng

Dismantling Taiwanese Patriarchy

Chun-chieh Chi

Indigenous Peoples and the Making of Multicultural Taiwan

Hsin-hsing Chen

From Social Problem Research to Socially-engaged Scholarship: The Case of Labor Studies in Taiwan

Chih-jou Jay Chen

Cross-Straits New Social Research: China Studies in Taiwanese Sociology

Hsin-huang Michael Hsiao

New Frontiers of Comparative Sociological Research in Middle Class Formation, Character and Politics: Taiwan and Asia-Pacific

March 24

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Session 3a: The Dilemmas of International Ratings

1st Conference Room

Modorator:

Presenters

Erick Napoleón Velástegui Bahamonde

Sociology and Technological Parks, Applied Research and International Accreditation

Tom Dwyer

Notes on Some Difficulties Relating to the Internationalization of Brazilian Academic Sociology

John Holmwood

What Does It Mean to Benchmark UK Sociology Internationally?

Tina Uys

Resistance to Rating: Resource Allocation, Academic Freedom and Citizenship

Session 3b: Confronting Historical Legacies

2nd Conference Room

Modorator:

Presenters

Fahed Al-Naser

Challenges to Sociology in the Gulf States: A Case Study of Kuwait

Luis Baptista

Our (Scientific) Community and Our Society: Rethinking the Role and Dilemmas of National Sociological Association--the Portuguese Case

Shaikh Mohammad Kais

Fifty Years of Bangladesh Sociology: Towards a 'Hybrid Sociology'?

Simon Mapadimeng

The South African Sociology, Current Challenges and Future Implications: A Review and Some Empirical Evidence from the 2007 National Survey of Sociology Departments

11:00-11:30

Tea Break

Moderator:**Presenters****Kristoffer Kropp & Anders Blok**

Mode 2 Sociologies in Denmark? From Crisis to Stabilization in Times of Pressures for Policy-relevant Research, 1980s-2000s

Patrício Langa

Poverty Fighters in Academia: The Subversion of the Notion of Socially Engaged Science in the Mozambican Higher Education System

Emma Porio

Demand for Policy Relevant Research and the Crafting of Academic Hierarchies in the Philippines: Reconfiguring Northern Hegemonies in Sociological Practice

Abulfaz D. Suleymanov

Problems and Solutions of Sociology in Azerbaijan

Session 4b: Doing Sociology in an Unequal World

2nd Conference Room

Moderator:**Presenters****Jorge Carrillo**

Challenges and Practices of Sociology of Labor in Mexico: Between Global Paradigms and Local Development Paradigms

Takashi Machimura

Doing Sociology in Native Language in a Globalizing World: Thinking about Its Significance and Difficulty in Japan

Ishwar Modi

Indian Sociology Faces the World

Alicia Itatí Palermo

Publishing Sociology Scientific Journals in Argentina: Problems and Challenges

13:30-15:00

Lunch Time

15:00-17:00

Session 5a: Neoliberalism and the Academy

1st Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Louis Chauvel

The Increasingly Dominated Fraction of the Dominant Class: French Sociologists Facing the Challenges of Precarity and Middle Class Destabilization

Charles Crothers

New Zealand Sociology in a Neoliberal Era: Strands of Political Economy in NZ Social Science

Inga Tomic-Koludrovic

The Role of Theory: Sociology's Response to the Bologna Educational Reform in Croatia

Session 5b: Forging Alternative Sociologies

2nd Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Rochman Achwan & Iwan Gardono Sudjatmiko

Contesting Mainstream Sociology and Developing Alternative Public Sociologies in Indonesia

Syed Farid Alatas

The Hegemony of Northern Social Sciences and the Overcoming of Academic Dependency

Raewyn Connell

Antipodes: Australian Sociology's Struggles with Place, Memory and Neoliberalism

Janusz Mucha

The Relevance of Relevance: Social Science and Social Practice in Post-positivistic Society

March 25

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Session 6a: Challenges of Regionalism

1st Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Manfred Max Bergman

The Challenges and Opportunities of Sociology in Switzerland: Is There a Swiss Sociology or Are We Stuck between German, French, and English-language Sociologies?

Rastislav Bednárik

Challenges to Teaching Sociology in Slovakia Posed by Entry into the European Union

Christian Fleck

Diversity or Fragmentation in Europe's Sociology: Lessons to be Learned?

Ifeanyi P. Onyeonoro

The Challenge of Teaching Sociology in a Globalizing South: Between Indigenization and Emergent Structures

Session 6b: Transnational Collaborations

2nd Conference Room

Moderator:

Presenters

Valery A. Mansurov

Changes and Problems of Russian Sociology

Vu Hao Quang

The Relevance of Relevance: Social Science and Social Practice in Post-positivistic Society

Marina Subirats

Facing a Globalizing World: Some Suggestions for a Global Sociology

Marcos Supervielle

Revitalizing the Sociological View in Latin America

11:00-11:30

Tea Break

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Closing Panel

International Conference Hall

PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO THE CHALLENGES FOR SOCIOLOGY IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL INEQUALITY?

Jan Marie Fritz, ISA Vice-President for Finance and Membership

Devorah Kalekin-Fishman, Vice-President for Publications

Arturo Rodriguez Morato, Vice-President for Research

Lai Erinosho, President of the African Sociological Association

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Business Meeting of the Council of National Associations International Conference Hall